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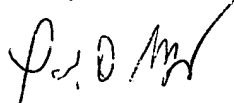
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Also cited in the attached PTO-1449 are PCT Publication Nos. WO 99/03902 and WO 99/5575, European Patent Nos. 0 404,368 and 0 773 257 as well as Great Britain Patent No. 2,097,324. Copies of these publications and patents are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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	99/03902	1/28/99	PCT			X	
	99/55775	11/4/99	PCT			X	
	0 404 368	12/27/90	European			X	
	0 773 257	4/23/03	European			X	
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